

Call for Presenters
2nd Annual NJ Volunteer Monitoring Summit

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, in cooperation with the Watershed Watch Network Advisory Council, will be hosting the 2nd Annual Volunteer Monitoring Summit, Oct 1 and 2 at the Clarion Hotel and Towers in Edison NJ. This conference is to bring together volunteer watershed monitors from across the State.

We would like to invite you to participate in the summit by becoming a presenter or developing a session of multiple presenters. Two tracks, beginner and advanced, will be developed for each topic. Please specify which of these two tracks your presentation would fall under, beginner or advanced.

Track Topics will include:

Study Design

- Defining your monitoring purpose and monitoring
- Characterize how the data will be used
- Who are your data users (what type of QA is required)
- Identify resources available to you

Monitoring in a Changing World

- How and when to adapt
- Using new technologies to your advantage
- Monitoring equipment demo

Chemical Monitoring

- Deciding what parameters to sample for
- Figuring out the analytical method is best for that particular parameter
- Monitoring on a Shoestring
- How to pick a lab: (Choosing a lab from scratch)
- Field kits that use EPA methods

Biological Monitoring

- Aquatic & Riparian Invasive Species identifying and controlling them
- Habitat Monitoring
- Bacteria Monitoring
- Identifying species down to the level of accuracy you need for your project

Lake Monitoring

- Showcase lake monitoring activities around the state

Understanding your results and Using Your Data to Help the Watershed

- Statistics made simple
- Data interpretation
- Reporting out and data presentation

Data Utilization

How you can use your data at any level?

Here we are looking for experiences with using your data

If you are interested in participating, please submit your name, primary contact information and a short abstract (500 words or less). The abstracts should be submitted not later than August 9, 2004 to Danielle.Donkersloot@dep.state.nj.us. If you have any questions or would like

additional information, please call the NJDEP, Division of Watershed Management, Office of Outreach and Education at 609-292-2113.